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SUBJECT: (1) FINAL PHASE OF MTN AND (2) COMMERCIAL
COUNTERFEITING

1. EMBOFF CALLED JULY 5 ON AMBASSADOR PABLO SUAREZ,
ASSISTANT MINISTER IN MFA FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, TO DISCUSS
FINAL PHASE OF MTN PER REFTEL A AND COMMERCIAL COUNTER-
FEITING PER REFTEL B. SUAREZ EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM THAT
JULY 15 DEADLINE WOULD BE MET AND QUESTIONED PROSPECTS
FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF MTN.

2. ON COMMERCIAL COUNTERFEITING, EMBOFF STRESSED MUTUAL
INTERESTS OF BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS
CONSUMING COUNTRIES. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO COUNTER-
FEIT GATES FAN BELTS MADE IN TAIWAN AND PALMED OFF IN
THE PHILIPPINES AS THE GENUINE ARTICLE. SUAREZ THEN
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MENTIONED "COUNTERFEITING" IN HONG KONG AND TAIWAN OF
PHILIPPINE HANDICRAFT ITEMS. HE WONDERED WHETHER OUR
PROPOSAL WOULD INCLUDE CASES OF THIS TYPE. ALTHOUGH IT
WAS POINTED OUT THAT SUCH "COUNTERFEITING" WAS ON THE OR-
DER OF DESIGN PIRACY, HIS QUERY WAS WORTHY OF DISCUSSION
WITH USDEL IN GENEVA.

3. SUAREZ SAID HE WOULD CABLE AMBASSADOR WILLY VEGA,
ADVISING HIM OF THE FULL USDEL STAFFING AND THE NEW US
PROPOSAL AGAINST COMMERCIAL COUNTERFEITING. COMMENT:
SUAREZ'S SUGGESTION THAT USDEL GET IN TOUCH WITH VEGA IS
A GOOD ONE. VEGA IS THE GOP STR AND HAS PLENIPOTENTIARY
POWERS. END COMMENT. MURPHY

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